

Thirty-four car loads of stock were shipped from the Mendon station last month.

The Brunswick Republican demands the cleaning out of the Battle Ax nest of harlots that infest that city.

C. W. Turner has returned to his home in Sumner from the state university for the summer vacation.

Cards are out announcing the marriage in Brunswick, June 29th, of Leroy Miller and Miss Minnie Meyer.

The arc lights in Brunswick are being gradually repaired and adjusted by the new superintendent of the light company.

A Masonic lodge was instituted at Rothville Monday evening of last week that begins with prospects of flattering success.

The Farmers club gave a dance at Sumner Wednesday evening of last week that was largely attended and highly enjoyed.

Joe. Crow of Brunswick was let off in Judge Finch's court June 9th with costs in the prosecution against him for wife abandonment.

Joe. Wayland, Jr., of Salisbury, has just returned from an extended stay in Plainsview, Texas, much pleased with the Lone Star state.

A Brookfield party spent Sunday of last week pleasantly at Lakewood, enjoying the fishing and other attractions of that famous pleasure resort.

Bruce Kilpatrick, a prosperous farmer of the Sumner neighborhood is building a good barn, the work being done by Zack Waugh, a good mechanic of the locality.

The corn and oat crops in Mendon township are reported as being rather "spotted," with grass in good condition, and a prospect for fair berry and fruit crops, except plums.

Mesdames Frank Dick and E. J. Questa have joined their husbands, the proprietors of the new Sumner hardware firm, and are stopping at the Robinson house for the present.

The Press Spectator hints mysteriously at a happening in Salisbury Saturday night, June 5th, in which a prominent young business man and young lady were the actors, that will not soon be forgotten.

Miss Fannie Ponting of Sumner, who lost her pocket book, containing her railroad ticket, money, etc., while in Kansas City recently was surprised the other day at receiving it through the police of that city, whom she notified of her loss.

S. F. Trammell of Salisbury has purchased the church property of the Old School Presbyterians and says he is going to hire a preacher and run a church without any fiction about it. The preacher will have to be a phonograph, with Trammell himself as the solitary auditor.

Jennie Waugh, the 11-year-old daughter of Zack Waugh of Sumner, received a painful wound on the calf of her leg on Monday of last week by falling from the roof of a shed on which she was playing at Mrs. Lou Sawyer's where she lives. Dr. Hardy took a few stitches in the wound, which is now healing nicely.

Our old colored friend, Jerre Hayes, living on the bluffs west of town, called on us last Saturday and advised us of the cup of sorrow he has recently been called to drink. His wife, Lydia, to whom he was married in slave time and with whom he had lived 41 years, died on the 5th inst., aged 56 years. "Aunt Lydia" was a Godly woman and died in the triumphs of the Christian faith. She and her youngest son Jerre had been sick since last January and Jerre relapsed after his mother's death and was laid to rest in the Porter chapel cemetery four days later by the side of his mother. "Uncle Jerre" in slave time was the property of Mr. Benjamin Hayes, grandfather of Wm. H. and Benjamin Hayes of Salisbury township, while his wife belonged to James Page, a large farmer, who lived for many years near Forest Green. They were faithful servants of their earthly masters, and, we believe, have served their Lord with true fidelity, hence there will be a glorious reward for them at the end of the journey which "Aunt Lydia" has already accomplished.

A fishing party from Mendon, headed by Newton Long, bound for the Grand river on a fishing expedition, were forced to return home from Sumner Wednesday of last week, on account of the rain.

The Salisbury papers deserve much praise for the uniform good reports both journals made of all the commencement proceedings of their two schools this year. They are the best advertised schools in Missouri by the local press which will make a favorable impression abroad. Strangers are bound to honor a community that honors itself.

#### Real Estate Transfers.

J. J. Crutchfield and wife to Wm. K. Sweeney. Lot 11 in Harriet N. Salisbury's addition to Salisbury, subject to deed of trust to R. S. Carter. Consideration, \$650.

Anastasiu Fenn to Jacob and Alex. Guthridge. All of the south 15 3/4 acres of the NW running east and west along said 40-acre tract 5-54-18. Consideration, \$100.

B. R. White and wife to Thos. Carmody. East 1-2 SW 32-56-16. Consideration, \$1,000.

G. D. Copeland and wife to Nettie Conner. Lots 7 and 8, block 1 in Copeland & Donaldson's addition to Salisbury. Consideration, \$150.

Walter, Guy and Sabra A. Cox to J. A. Collet and O. F. Wayland. That part NW SE 36-54-18 lying east of Chariton river. Consideration, \$22.

W. E. Smith and wife to H. B. Kilpatrick & Lisle. SW SW 34-56-21. Consideration, \$250.

Ferd Sutterer and wife to E. J. Sutterer. NE NE 33 54 17. Consideration \$1,000.

Stephen Crawford and wife to Emil J. Sutterer. Eighty one and one-fourth feet off east end block 5 in city of Salisbury. Consideration \$550.

All the Way From the Missouri River to Buffalo, the Wabash Railroad Operates Trains Over Its Own Tracks.

Having leased the tracks of the Grand Trunk Railway between Detroit and Suspension Bridge, and those of the Erie R. R. from Suspension Bridge to Buffalo, the Wabash R. R. will run its own trains from Kansas City, Omaha, Des Moines, St. Louis, Quincy, Hannibal, Keokuk and Chicago to Buffalo, being the only road from Missouri and Mississippi river points having its own line and trains running into Buffalo. Through cars from Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago to Buffalo without change.

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Milwaukee, Wis., July 6 to 9, 1897.

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For particulars, call on or write to any agent of the Wabash or connecting lines.

Tourist Sleeping Cars to San Francisco via Wabash.

On June 29th and July 1st next the Wabash, in connection with the A., T. & S. F. and Sou. Pacific Rys., will run tourist sleeping cars from St. Louis to San Francisco without change for the accommodation of members of the Christian Endeavor society and their friends en route to San Francisco. Sleepers will leave St. Louis at 9 p. m.

For particulars call on or address any agent of the Wabash R. R. or connecting lines.

#### Are You An Heir?

Wanted, heirs of Geo. M. Kasson. He died in 1895. Married Mary Hayden in St. Louis in 1845. His daughter, whose name is supposed to be Mary Mann, was married twice—first to a Mr. Green, afterwards to a Mr. Mann. She lived in Belleville, Illinois, and in Missouri with her husband, Green. She is now a widow, and has a daughter seven years old named Alma Green.

The Kasson estate is valued at over \$100,000. It awaits the claim of his unknown heirs.

We also want address of the heirs of the following persons who came to Texas before the year 1845, viz: John L. Alford, Robert Moreland Green, John Lafayette, F. Belford, E. W. Clark, Peter Hilt, John T. Wood, Geo. Pollitt, R. W. Renfro, Ed. J. Kidout, John G. Wolf, J. A. Foster, Wm. Brockner, Martin Moran, Wm. T. Malone, W. C. M. Baker and Granville Mills.

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#### What the War is About.

Now that the war between Greece and Turkey has begun, with vast consequences looming up on the horizon of possibility, it is worth while for each of us to answer for himself an intelligently as may be, the questions: What is it all about? What brought it on? What are they fighting for? What do they expect to gain?

The more intelligent and reasonable our answers to these questions, the more interesting and intelligent will be to us the news of the war as that news shall develop from day to day.

What is it all about?

It all is about the territorial aggrandizement of Greece at the expense of Turkey. Greece is fighting to wrest territory from Turkey. Turkey is fighting to retain it.

It must be remembered that the Greeks number 3,200,000 of whom but 2,200,000 reside in Greece. Of the other 6,000,000, about 2,000,000 reside in Asiatic Turkey, about 3,500,000 in European Turkey and about 500,000 in Crete, Cyprus and other Turkish islands. It must be remembered also that King George calls himself, not King of Greece, but King of the Greeks.

Now, if you will turn to your map of Turkey in Europe, you will see lying immediately north and northeast of Greece the three Turkish provinces of Albania (on the Adriatic), Monaster and Salonica. We must remember that these three provinces were a part of ancient Greece, after the days of Philip of Macedonia and of his greater son, Alexander. Albania is the ancient Epirus. Monaster and Salonika are the ancient Thessalia and Macedonia. They are numerous inhabited by Greeks.

Their total population (Albania, 203,000; Monaster, 664,000; Salonika, 990,000) is about one-half Greek and the other half Albania and Turkish. Hence Greece, ever since she attained her own quasi independence in 1830, has claimed these three provinces, as together constituting a Greece, as yet unredeemed. Furthermore, either Greece is to have no further continental expansion whatever, or further continental expansion must be begun by acquisition of these provinces. On the south also the island of Crete forms a less important part of the historical Greco-territory.

What is the war about?

The war is about the possession of the Island of Crete, and the Provinces of Albania, Monaster and Salonica. Greece is fighting to win them. Turkey to keep them.

What brought the war on at this time?

Following the Armenian massacres in Asia Minor a year ago or more the six so-called "great powers" of Europe (Russia, Germany, Austria, England, France and Italy) directed their Ambassadors at Constantinople to form themselves into a sort of over-court to devise such a scheme of reforms of the Turkish Government as should protect effectually all the subjects thereof and incidentally fortify the financial basis of the great debt owed by Turkey to French, German and British financiers.

After months of deliberations, the scheme of reforms at length got finished in the closing days of 1896. It was decided thereon by the "great powers" that if necessary they would forcibly compel the Sultan to adopt and enforce the scheme. Of course, the details of the scheme and even its outlines are not known outside the chancelleries of Europe.

Now King George is closely related to the chief crowned heads of Europe. His father is King of Denmark. The Dowager Czarina of Russia and the Princess of Wales are his sisters. Czar Nicholas is his nephew. Queen Olga of Greece, born a Russian Princess, is a cousin of the Czar's mother. The Crown Princess of Greece is the sister of Emperor William of Germany. Furthermore, Greece and Russia are traditional friends, bound by ties of religion, of gratitude, and of comradeship in arms. Greece and England are rivals and traditional enemies; although England is one of the powers (England, France and Russia) that helped Greece to quasi independence in 1829, and that still maintain tutelary relations to Greece.

In view of all the facts above set forth, and of all that has occurred recently, it reasonably may be believed that some one of the six "great powers" gave King George to understand that now was Greece's ripe opportu-

nity for expansion, and virtually guaranteed that Greece should not lose territorially by a sharp and timely stroke of enterprise. Not otherwise can the almost or quite toothless attitude and action of Greece be explained.

The weight of presumption is that that encouraging power is Russia, whose interests are subserved by embroiling Greece and Turkey, and will be subserved by the exclusion of England from the trio of nations now tutelaries of Greece, and by the installation of Russia as the trustee, guardian and administrator of the Balkan Peninsula.

Ostensibly, Russia joins Germany in berating England for encouraging Greece; but a careful reading of the facts as they have developed in the last three months produces the conviction that Russia is the real, though secret, encourager of Greece, and the inciter of both Greece and Turkey to war; and that not in the interest of either Greece or Turkey, but in the interest of Russia.

Finally, what do Greece and Turkey expect to gain?

Turkey knows she can gain nothing. The most she can possibly hope for is to postpone the day of her retirement from Europe, if not from the map of the earth. Greece hopes to gain territorially. If this hope shall be realized, it is likely to be at the expense of a portion of her present quasi independence. She may find herself hugged tighter than before, and more helpless in Russia's embrace.—[Theo. Kiandri.]

#### Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alternative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, yield to Electric Bitters. 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at W. C. Gaston's drug store.

#### False Economy.

According to report the state of Missouri during the year 1896 spent \$600,000 for supervisors to oversee paving work, the cost of which in itself was only \$490,000, or, in other words, an expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 was involved in getting less than \$500,000 worth of work done. These figures should convince the most skeptical farmer or tax-payer of the urgent necessity of changing our road laws. To employ forty or fifty road overseers in a county absorbs the revenue that should go towards building good roads. One commissioner or road overseer in each county is enough. A practical state commission of three men, one of whom should be a practical engineer, should be established, and one commissioner in each county to have supervision over the construction of roads in their county, and it would not only be sensible, but would facilitate work on lines of economy. It seems today that the remotest position in the rural districts has an army of men hanging on who are always looking for soft jobs at the expense of the taxpayers.—[States Duty.]

THE sooner all professions are conducted on business principles the better. Farming is no exception. The farmers constantly complain of hard times, and say that they are getting the worst of it. In many cases that may be true, but whose fault is it? Who does your farming? Who builds your roads to put you in touch with civilization? Who does your voting? Who do you send to represent your interests in state and national legislation? Don't kick until you remove the scales from your eyes and behold the position you occupy. Look at the farming conditions in this or any other state. Look at your own farm and say if you exercise economy. The facts stand out in bold relief. Until the farmers of this country begin to realize that they have opposition they will not make a business proposition of their calling. Any man who rides across the fertile prairies of Missouri must recognize the supreme touch of nature's God. But, gentlemen, you insult your golden opportunities by your methods. A little spot here and there is half tilled, while the great acreage lies in waste.—[States Duty.]

A good many of the remedies offered by the politicians are diseases.

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